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SUBJECT: FIVE-POWER MEETING ON HORN OF AFRICA

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1. MFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS RACHELE TOLD  
EMBOFF JAN. 25 THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISIONS OF  
JAN#721 FIVE-POWER MEETING IN WASHINGTON, ITALIAN  
AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS ABABA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO  
SOUND OUT ETHIOPIANS ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATED  
SOLUTION TO OGADEN CONFLICT. WHILE MFA DOES NOT YET  
HAVE REPORT OF RESULTS OF AMBASSADOR'S EFFORTS,  
ITALIANS ARE NOT OPTIMISITC THAT ETHIOPIANS ARE READY  
TO MODIFY THEIR DEMAND FOR FULL SOMALI WITHDRAWAL  
BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS. AS TO EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT,  
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RACHELE CHARACTERIZED ETHIOIAN ACCEPTANCE OF  
IDEA OF AUTONOMOUS OGADEN WITHIN ETHIOPIAN FRAME-  
WORK AS "NOTHING NEW".

2. AS TO FIVE-POWER MEETING, RACHELE, WHO HAD HOPED  
TO ATTEND MEETING HIMSELF, WAS PLEASED THAT IT HAD  
TAKEN PLACE AND THOUGHT STATEMENT ISSUED AFTERWARD

WAS BALANCED, LOW-KEY, AND "JUST RIGHT". HE SAID  
THAT DESPITE THEIR LACK OF OPTIMISM ABOUT POSSIBILITY  
OF EARLY NEGOTIATIONS, ITALIANS INTEND TO CONTINUE  
EFFORTS -- BILATERALLY, IN FIVE-POWER CONTEXT, AND  
THROUGH EC -- TO PROMOTE SOLUTION. GARDNER

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